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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 11-34 are pending in this application claims 1-10 having been previously canceled.

Please cancel claims 11, 17, 20, 24, 30, 32 and 33 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter, and amend claims 12-16, 18-19, 21-22, 25, 26, 31 and 34 as shown in the following listing of the claims.

Claims 1-11 (canceled)

12. (currently amended) The instrument panel as claimed in claim [[30]] 26, wherein the contact pins (6, 13, 22, 23) are arranged transversely with respect to longitudinal extent of the leads (7, 15, 24).

13. (currently amended) The instrument panel as claimed in claim [[30]] 26, wherein a connection of ends of the electrical leads (7, 15, 24) to the contact pins (6, 13, 22, 23) is a materially joined connection.

14. (currently amended) The instrument panel as claimed in claim [[30]] 26, wherein ends of the

electrical leads (7, 15, 24) are wound around the contact pins (6, 13, 22, 23).

15. (currently amended) The instrument panel as claimed in claim [[30]] 26, wherein the electrical leads (7, 15, 24) are stretched between two of the contact pins (6, 13, 22, 23).

16. (currently amended) The instrument panel as claimed in claim [[30]] 26, wherein the contact pins (6, 13, 22, 23) are pressed into the carrier (3, 10, 19).

17. (canceled)

18. (currently amended) The instrument panel as claimed in claim [[11]] 26, wherein a plurality of the electrical leads (7, 15, 24) are arranged in a common plane.

19. (currently amended) The instrument panel as claimed in claim 26 [[30]], wherein said contact pins (6, 13, 22, 23) and the plug part (12, 20) and/or the electronic component (4, 11, 21) are formed as a premountable physical unit.

20. (canceled)

21. (currently amended) The instrument panel as claimed in claim [[30]] 26, wherein an individual one of the electrical leads is attached to [[the]] a contact pin on a side of the carrier facing away from the electronic component.

22. (currently amended) The instrument panel as claimed in claim [[11]] 26, wherein the electronic component is a measuring unit.

23. (previously presented) The instrument panel as claimed in claim 22, wherein the measuring unit is at least one of a speedometer and a revolutions counter.

24. (canceled)

25. (currently amended) The instrument panel as claimed in claim [[20]] 26, wherein [[the]] an electrical lead is stretched along a plurality of the guide elements.

26. (currently amended) An instrument panel, suitable for use with a motor vehicle, comprising at least one electronic component, a carrier supporting the at least one electronic component, and/or one plug part supported by the

carrier, electrical leads which are conductively connected to the electronic component and/or the plug part, wherein the carrier has protruding contact pins protruding from the carrier, which pins are connected to the at least one electronic component and/or to the plug part, [[and]] each of the electrical leads is attached to and extends between two of the contact pins, [[and]] the leads are held in spaced-apart relationship by guide elements extending from the carrier, and the guide elements have the configuration of pins protruding from the carrier.

27. (previously presented) An instrument panel according to claim 26, wherein each of said electrical leads comprises an electric wire stretched between its two contact pins.

28. (previously presented) An instrument panel according to claim 27, wherein the carrier is constructed of electrically nonconductive material, and the instrument panel further comprises a layer of plastic foam disposed on the carrier for insulating the electrical leads.

29. (previously presented) An instrument panel according to claim 26, wherein the electrical leads are located on a side of the carrier facing the at least one electronic component and/or plug part.

30. (canceled)

31. (currently amended) An instrument panel for a motor vehicle according to claim 26, comprising at least one electronic component which is arranged on a carrier, and/or one plug part, electrical leads which are conductively connected to the electronic component and/or the plug part, wherein the electrical leads (15) are insulated by plastic foam (17) that is arranged on the carrier (10), and are secured in a position in which they are separated from one another.

32. (canceled)

33. (canceled)

34. (currently amended) An instrument panel for a motor vehicle according to claim 26, wherein comprising at least one electronic component which is arranged on a carrier, and/or one plug part, electrical leads which are conductively connected to the electronic component and/or the plug part, and a plurality of guide elements (16) having the configuration of pins protruding from the carrier, the guide elements being are located for holding the electrical leads generally parallel to a surface of the carrier.